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# Introduction to International Political Economy

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**School of Diplomacy & International Relations**  
**Introduction to International Political Economy – DIPL 4108**

**Fall 2015**

**Tuesday, AA 11:00 - 1:30, AB 2:00 - 4:30**

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**Description:** International Political Economy (IPE) is a thoroughly interdisciplinary subject which focuses on the interaction between politics and economics on a global scale. This course aims to provide students with a thorough introduction to this field of study. Students will learn about the contending theoretical approaches to the study of IPE, the history of the global economy from the Industrial Revolution until today, and the key issues in global economic relations.

**Course Procedures:** The classes will be a combination of formal lectures, and informal seminars. The informal seminars will involve an open discussion of the issues discussed in the lecture and an engagement with the required reading(s). Active student participation is essential!

**Course Requirements:**

*Research Paper* (3000 words): Students are required to engage with a topic of their choice from the vantage point of a particular theoretical approach to IPE, whether realist, liberal or critical. Students must submit a plan of their essay to me by **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. This plan should contain their core research question, a rough outline of their theoretically informed explanation, and a list of sources that will be engaged with. The completed paper is due in class on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**. Students are expected to use at least 8-10

sources and to not overly rely on the core textbook. Sources must be cited correctly and you must include a bibliography.

*Class Participation:* Students will be graded on their preparation and willingness to actively participate in class discussions, as well as their attendance.

*Final Exam:* This examination will focus on the area of the course titled 'Issues in IPE'. The exact format will be outlined at a later date.

Your final grade will be composed of the following:

***Research Paper: 40***

***Class Participation: 20***

***Final Exam: 40***

**Required Readings:** Students are responsible for the purchase of one book. This book is available for purchase from the campus bookstore, but you may also order it online.

Cohn, T. (2012). *Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition. Longman.

This will be our main text for the course. Other required readings will be posted on Blackboard.

**Academic Integrity:** Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty will be reported to the administration, and may result in a lowered or failing grade for the course and up to possible dismissal from the School of Diplomacy. See university and school standards for academic conduct here:

<http://www.shu.edu/offices/student-life/community-standards/community-standards.cfm>

<http://www.shu.edu/academics/diplomacy/academic-conduct.cfm>.

**Disability Services Statement:** Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Civil Rights Restoration Act, students at Seton Hall University who have a disability may be eligible for accommodations in this course. Should a student require such accommodation, he or she must self-identify at the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS), Room 67, Duffy Hall, provide documentation of said disability, and work with DSS to develop a plan for accommodations. The contact person is Ms. Diane Delorenzo at [\(973\) 313-6003](tel:9733136003).

## **Course Outline**

Weeks 1-3: Approaches to the study of IPE

### **September 1<sup>st</sup>, Week 1**

What is IPE? And an Introduction to Realist Approaches

### **September 8<sup>th</sup>, Week 2**

Introduction to Liberal Approaches

- Cohn, T. Chapter 4: The Liberal Perspective

### **September 15<sup>th</sup>, Week 3**

Introduction to Critical Approaches

- Cohn, T. Chapter 5: Critical Perspectives

Weeks 4-8: The Emergence of the International Economy

### **September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Week 4**

Classical Liberalism in the Long Nineteenth Century

- Polanyi, K. (1943). *The Great Transformation*. Chapter 1: The Hundred Years' Peace (Blackboard)

### **September 29<sup>th</sup>, Week 5**

The Interwar Period

- Polanyi, K. (1943). *The Great Transformation*. Chapter 2: Conservative Twenties, Revolutionary Thirties (Blackboard)

### **October 6<sup>th</sup>, Week 6**

The Era of Embedded Liberalism

- Ruggie, J. R. (1982). International Regimes, Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic Order. *International Organization*, 36(2), 379-415 (Blackboard)

### **October 13<sup>th</sup>, Week 7**

Fall Break

### **October 20<sup>th</sup>, Week 8**

The Post-Bretton Woods Period

- Helleiner, E. (1996). *States and the Reemergence of Global Finance from Bretton Woods to the 1990s*. Chapter 6: Four Turning Points in the Late 1970s and Early 1980s. And Chapter 7: The Liberalization Trend in the 1980s (Blackboard)

Weeks 9-15: Issues in IPE

### **October 27<sup>th</sup>, Week 9**

## The International Monetary System

- Cohn, T. Chapter 6: International Monetary Relations

## **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Week 10**

### International Trade

- Cohn, T. Chapter 7: Global Trade Relations

## **November 10<sup>th</sup>, Week 11**

### Regionalism in the Global Economy

- Cohn, T. Chapter 8: Regionalism and the Global Trade Regime

## **Research Paper is Due**

## **November 17<sup>th</sup>, Week 12**

### Multinational Corporations and Other Non-State Actors

- Cohn, T. Chapter 9: Multinational Corporations and Global Production

## **November 24<sup>th</sup>, Week 13**

### International Development and Global Inequality

- Cohn, T. Chapter 10: International Development

## **December 1<sup>st</sup>, Week 14**

### The Great Recession and the Eurozone Crisis

- Required reading: TBD

## **December 8<sup>th</sup>, Week 15**

Globalization and the Nation State/Review

- Gilpin, R. (2001). *Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapter 14: The Nation-State in the Global Economy (Blackboard)

**Final Exam December 21<sup>st</sup> (DIPL 4108 AA) and 22<sup>nd</sup> (DIPL 4108 AB)**